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FOREIGN NEWS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Republican Senators in caucus today reached a partial agreement on Porto Rican legislation. The House bill, which appropriates \$2,000,000, is to be taken up and passed immediately. The bill for a civil government of the island is to be taken up and disposed of as soon as possible, and the tariff bill is to be delayed for the present, while a committee of seven Senators may be selected by Chairman Allison to try to compromise differences on the revenue bill and secure a measure which Republican Senators generally can support. This partial agreement was reached after a caucus lasting from 2 o'clock until after 5:30.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Owing to the illness of Representative Grosvenor, chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, no report on the shipping subsidy bill has been submitted to the House. Grosvenor will prepare an exhaustive report in favor of the passage of the bill as soon as he has sufficiently recovered, and in this report his Republican colleagues on the committee will concur.

YOKOHAMA, Mar. 14.—Marquis Ito declares that there is no danger of war between Japan and Russia. He says Japan and Russia have agreed by treaty not to encroach upon Korea and that Russia must be regarded as sincere. He denied that Japan desired to pursue a colonial policy, but that her army and navy were for national defense. Japan had no money for war or aggrandizement. He said England, Japan and the United States were for the preservation of China's integrity, and that he anticipated no danger to the world's markets by the development of China. He thinks the United States must mix in the politics of the world to secure commerce. He believes England will come out of the South African war greater than ever.

AUCKLAND (N. Z.), Mar. 14.—Advices from Samoa, dated March 1st report that the German flag was hoisted at Apia in the presence of the treaty officials and of Mataafa and Tamasese. Dr. Solf, president of the municipality, is Governor. Herr Knipping, formerly Vice-Consul at Sydney, will act as chief Judge and Vice-Governor.

A public reconciliation took place at the flag hoisting between Mataafa and Tamasese. The Supreme Court, the Municipal Council, the municipal magistracy and the Consular courts were abolished. The laws will remain in force as at present. The natives are all quiet and awaiting news from Germany as to the form of government.

The following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the War Office announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"BLOEMFONTEIN, Mar. 13-8 P. M.—By the help of God and by the bravery of her majesty's soldiers the troops under my command have taken possession of Bloemfontein. The British flag now flies over the Presidency, evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late President of the Orange Free State. Mr. Fraser, member of the late executive government, the Mayor, the secretary to the late Governor, the Landrost and other officials met me two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices.

LADYSMITH, Wednesday, Mar. 14.—The Boers have been located in several strong positions near the junction of the Brakenberg and the Biggarsburg ranges. They have heavy guns in position on Pongwoni Kop, at Hlatukulu and in the Ompati mountains, as well as at Gibson's Farm near Cundyculeigh pass. General Hunter now commands the division. Both men and horses of the relief column are completely recovered and now in the pink of condition. The reconstruction of the railway from Ladysmith to Dundee is progressing rapidly.

BERLIN, Mar. 14.—The weekly reviewer of the Kreuz Zeitung, who is a well-known professor and entertains close relations with Count von Buelow, asserts today that Emperor Nicholas, at the beginning of the war in South Africa, gave a formal pledge that Russia would not take advantage of England's complications for a further Asiatic advance. The Kreuz Zeitung declares that this information is authentic.

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 14.—The British troops under Lord Methuen have returned to Kimberley from the occupation of Boshof, Orange Free State. Guns and 70,000 rounds of ammunition were seized, and a strong garrison was left to guard the town.

Six Boers were arrested there on charges of treason. Nearly all the residents were wearing mourning, as the Boshof commando lost 200 men at the battle of Belmont.

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—A dispatch from President Krueger to the Evening Journal, dated Pretoria, March 13th, 8 P. M., via Berlin, says:

"The burghers will only cease fighting with death. Our forces are returning in good order to our line of defense on our own soil. The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than we expected. The British will never reach Pretoria. The burghers, Steyn, Joubert and myself, as well as all the others, are united. There are no differences. God help us."

LONDON, March 15.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Bloemfontein, dated Tuesday evening, March 13th, says: Bloemfontein surrendered at 10 o'clock to-day. It was occupied at noon. President Steyn, with a majority of the fighting burghers, has fled northward.

DURBAN, Monday, Mar. 12.—The Transvaal having appealed to Germany for mediation or intervention in the war with Great Britain, Germany has replied that she declines to interfere, as she is in no way concerned in the conflict.

BUENOS AYRES, Mar. 14.—The outbreak of bubonic plague here has been semi-officially recognized as of a "mild type." There have been twenty-three deaths within two months.

SYDNEY (N. S. W.), Mar. 14.—Another death from bubonic plague has occurred here and two fresh cases have developed.

TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS

Bryan will make a number of speeches in California and Oregon in April.

The consumption of beet sugar is steadily increasing in the United States.

Another marvelously rich gold field 100 miles from Cape Nepe has been reported.

Diplomatic circles in Washington admit that the Hague peace conference was a failure.

The Senate committee unanimously favor the construction of the Pacific cable by the government.

General Otis has cabled the War Department protesting against women coming to the Philippines.

Mrs. Henry W. Lawton, wife of the late General Lawton has returned from the East to Redlands, California.

The period allotted for the ratification of the pending French-American reciprocity treaty has been extended.

Francis Hodgson Burnett, author of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" has married her former secretary, Stephen Townsend.

Rev. Charles Sheldon assumed the business and editorial management of the Daily Capital, on Monday, March 12th.

British and German Uitlanders are leaving the Transvaal in consequence of the insecurity aroused by recent events.

Sir Thomas Lipton will challenge for the America's cup in 1901. He will sail either the improved Shamrock or the Erin.

The latest news from Colombia is that the revolution will last for a year yet, at least. Business is at a standstill and foodstuffs are very scarce.

Rev. Charles Sheldon, editor of the Christian daily of Topeka, starts to England, May 1st to conduct a two months campaign for "Practical Christianity."

In the trial of a divorce case in New Jersey, in which one of the parties resides in Honolulu, held that the Hawaiian Islands are a part of the United States.

Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, eldest brother, and Mrs. Mary Foote Beecher Perkins, sister of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe, both died March 14.

The Portuguese authorities at Lourenco Marquez have, at the request of Great Britain, arrested four Germans bound for Pretoria with arms and letters of introduction from Dr. Leys.

A shipment of 55 cases of Remingtons and a large amount of ammunition left New Orleans ostensibly for the Guatemalan Government. These shipments indicate the usual spring revolutions.

Montague White confirms the rumor that the Boers will utterly destroy Johannesburg if forced to do so, as Pretoria could not be defended if Johannesburg were permitted to remain as a base of operations for the British.

Rudyard Kipling cabled from South Africa to Harper's Weekly a long account of what he calls "British disloyalty," referring to it as "the sin of witchcraft." The burden of his complaint is that British civil authorities in Cape Town wink at semi-treasonous acts, and to quote his own words, "the Government will take care that it does not pay any one to be loyal."

The Holland Torpedo vessel gave a successful performance before the Naval Affairs committee, making four dives. On her first dive she remained submerged ten minutes, going a straightaway course nearly a mile. Coming to the surface, she discharged a torpedo gun, and then turning, she dived again immediately and came up some distance away. Members of the committee say they could not have been so successful.

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